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DRUIG, the current Prime Eternal, determined that Earth's mutants represent excess deviation--and therefore, he has set out to destroy them all. Druig unleashed the **HEX**, giant Eternals, to attack the mutant nation of **KRAKOA**, triggering war.

A faction of the **ETERNALS** opposed to Druig's plan worked together with the **AVENGERS** and the kidnapped mutant geneticist, **MR. SINISTER**. Together, they used the Avengers' headquarters, the deceased body of a Celestial, to create a new, living god--the **PROGENITOR**. However, once awakened, the Progenitor announced to everyone on Earth that within 24 hours they would all be judged. And if found lacking...all will die! The Progenitor began to carry out its judgments across the globe, against heroes, villains and civilians alike.

SERSI freed the Eternal **STARFOX** from imprisonment, hoping he could utilize his emotion-based powers to defend the Earth. After meeting with world leaders and other superhumans, Starfox and an assemblage of Eternals and Avengers presented their plan for global progress to the Progenitor. It then passed its ultimate judgment upon the Earth--and set out to destroy it!

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CAPTAIN MARVEL

THOR

STARBRAND

ETERNALS

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JACK OF KNIVES

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JUDGMENT DAY

AXE

AVENGERS MOUNTAIN,
NORTH POLE.
JUDGMENT HAS BEEN RENDERED.
ONLY SENTENCING REMAINS.
IT IS SIMPLE.
I TURN TO THE WORLD AND I WHISPER...
"END."

TOM HEARS THE SKY START TO BURN AND TURNS HIS BEATEN FACE TO HIS FAMILY AND FULL OF SELF-PITY, ASKS...
"WHAT DID I DO TO DESERVE THIS?"
HIS SON TAKES A DEEP BREATH AND DECIDES THAT IT'S TIME TO TELL HIM WHO HE IS.
TOM HAD NO IDEA.

KATRINA THINKS OF HER OWN JUDGMENT. WHAT DID SHE DO?
SHE REALIZES IT DOESN'T MATTER. IT'S A NARCISSISTIC DEAD END.
IT DOESN'T MATTER WHAT SHE DID. IT MATTERS WHAT SHE DOES.
SHE THINKS OF HER COMPLICITY AND HEADS INTO THE BURNING STREETS.

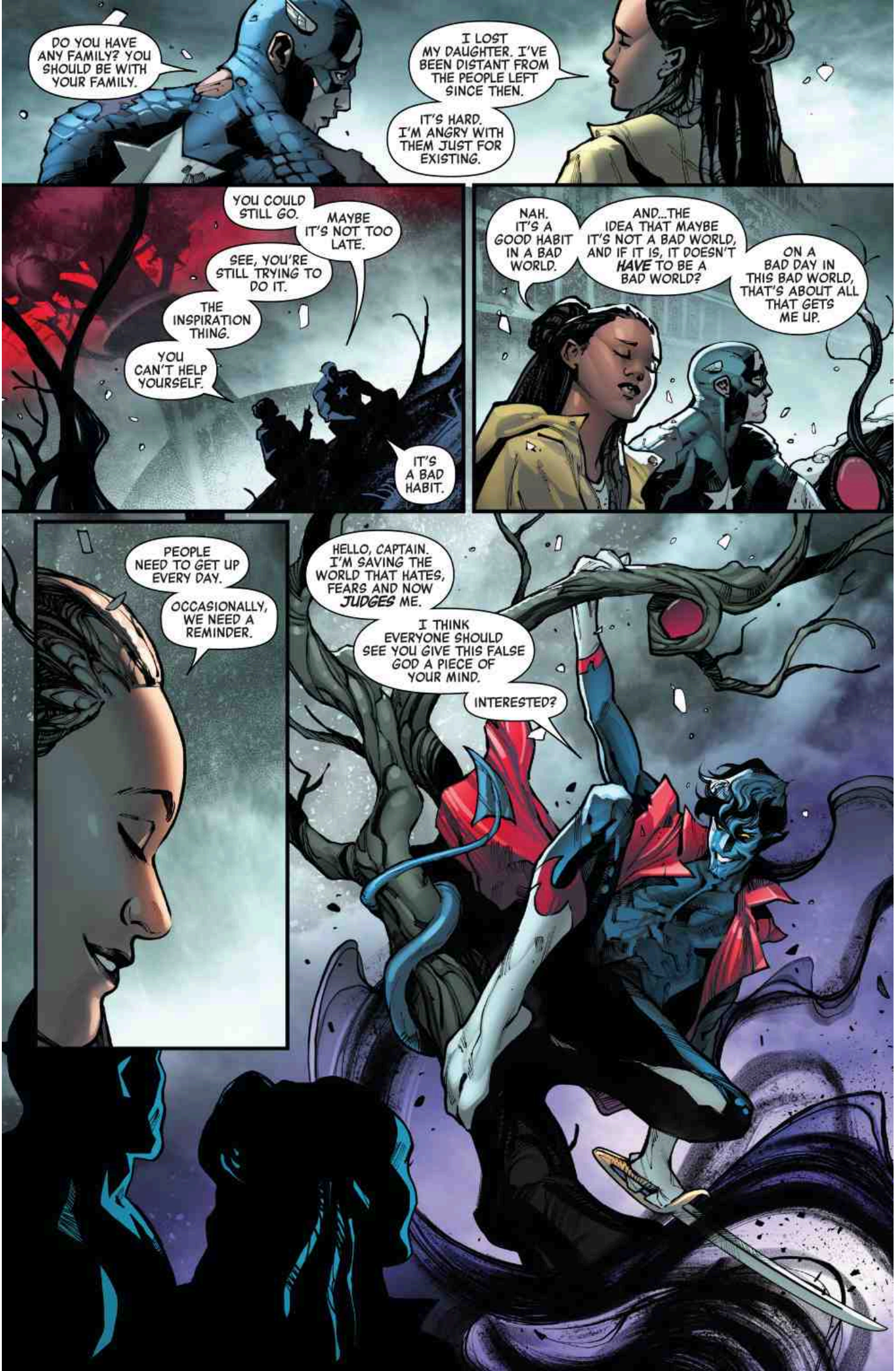
KOMALI WAITS.

DANIELA'S MOTHER SAYS, "WHY ARE PEOPLE RIOTING? THEY SHOULD BE WITH THEIR FAMILIES. THEY DON'T NEED A NEW TV. THEY NEED EACH OTHER."
DANIELA HOLDS HER AND NEVER WANTS TO LET GO, AS LONG AS THERE'RE STILL SECONDS IN THE WORLD.

JADA LOOKS AT A MAN IN A FLAG BEFORE A FIELD OF BONES.
SHE WAS RIGHT, AND THE MAN WAS WRONG.
SHE WISHES SO VERY BADLY THAT SHE HAD BEEN WRONG.

KENTA HAS REALIZED THAT THIS IS REAL. HE IS SCARED, AND FOR THAT, I'M SORRY.
THE ADULTS BUILT A WORLD FOR HIM TO LIVE IN.
THEY BUILT A WORLD FOR HIM TO DIE IN TOO.

NEW YORK.
I'M SORRY.
I AM TOO.
ALL MY LIFE, I THOUGHT I COULD INSPIRE PEOPLE TO MAKE A DIFFERENCE. THAT THIS WORLD COULD BE BETTER.
I THOUGHT WE COULD PASS. I REALLY DID.
I KNEW WE'D FAIL, BUT YOU TRIED.
I APPRECIATE THAT.
JADA.
STEVE.


DO YOU HAVE ANY FAMILY? YOU SHOULD BE WITH YOUR FAMILY.
I LOST MY DAUGHTER. I'VE BEEN DISTANT FROM THE PEOPLE LEFT SINCE THEN.
IT'S HARD. I'M ANGRY WITH THEM JUST FOR EXISTING.
YOU COULD STILL GO.
MAYBE IT'S NOT TOO LATE.
SEE, YOU'RE STILL TRYING TO DO IT.
THE INSPIRATION THING.
YOU CAN'T HELP YOURSELF.
IT'S A BAD HABIT.
NAH. IT'S A GOOD HABIT IN A BAD WORLD.
AND...THE IDEA THAT MAYBE IT'S NOT A BAD WORLD, AND IF IT IS, IT DOESN'T HAVE TO BE A BAD WORLD?
ON A BAD DAY IN THIS BAD WORLD, THAT'S ABOUT ALL THAT GETS ME UP.
PEOPLE NEED TO GET UP EVERY DAY.
OCCASIONALLY, WE NEED A REMINDER.
HELLO, CAPTAIN. I'M SAVING THE WORLD THAT HATES, FEARS AND NOW JUDGES ME.
I THINK EVERYONE SHOULD SEE YOU GIVE THIS FALSE GOD A PIECE OF YOUR MIND.
INTERESTED?

SURE. SAT HERE LONG ENOUGH.
I NEED TO GET UP.
THANK YOU.
SO, NIGHTCRAWLER... CAN YOU GET ME TO THE NORTH POLE?
AFTER THE DAY I'VE HAD? THE STRAIN COULD KILL ME!
DO YOU THINK I'M SOME KIND OF SUPER HERO?
BAMF
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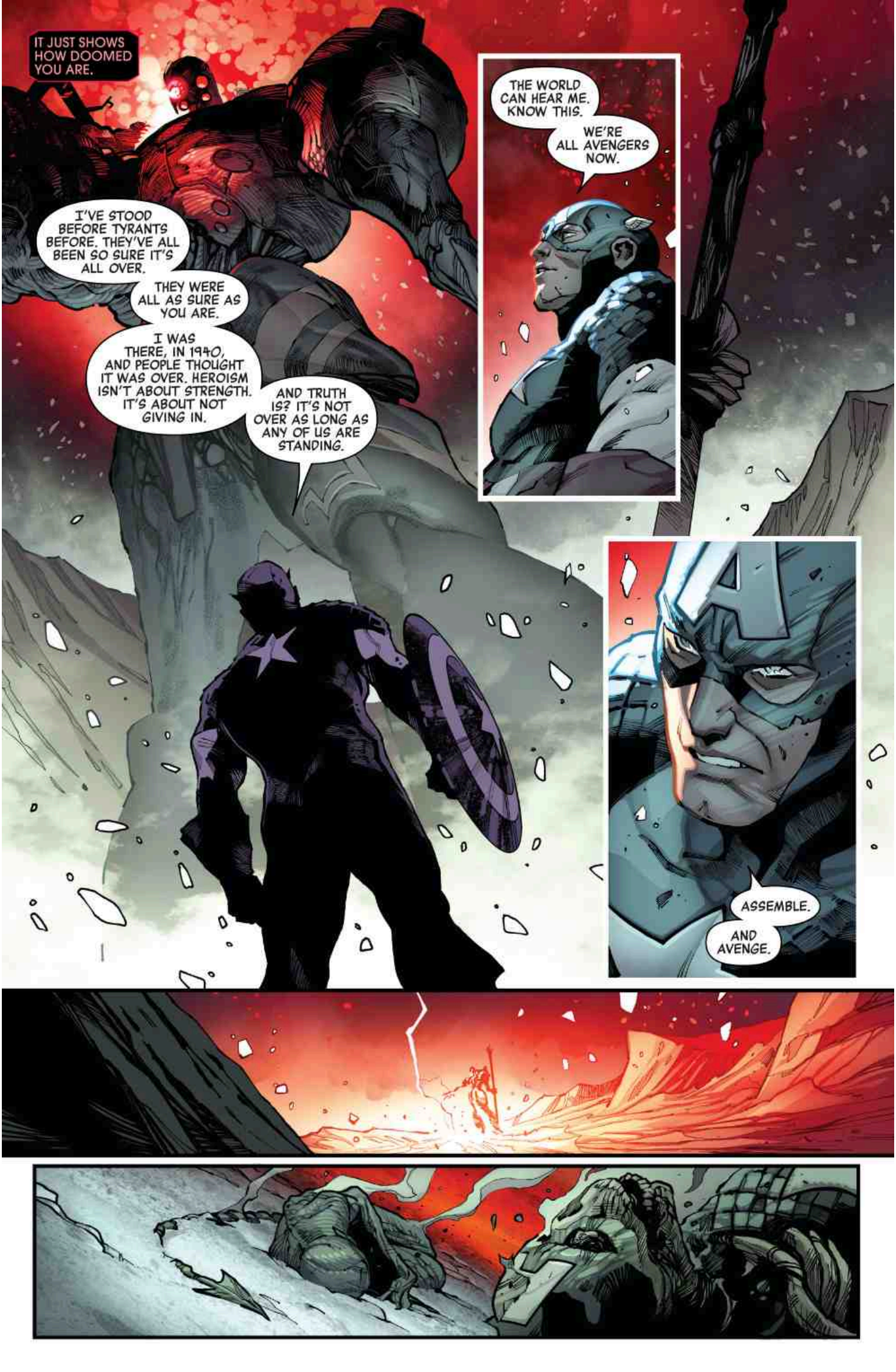
BAMF
BAMF
THE PROFESSOR IS LINKING THIS TO EVERYONE, CAPTAIN.
GIVE IT A SLAP FROM ME.
THANKS, KURT.
THE MUTANT PSYCHICS SHARE THIS WITH THE WORLD. EVERYONE CAN SEE IT.
I AM UNSURE WHY ONE WOULD DO SUCH A THING.


IT JUST SHOWS HOW DOOMED YOU ARE.
I'VE STOOD BEFORE TYRANTS BEFORE. THEY'VE ALL BEEN SO SURE IT'S ALL OVER.
THEY WERE ALL AS SURE AS YOU ARE.
I WAS THERE, IN 1940, AND PEOPLE THOUGHT IT WAS OVER. HEROISM ISN'T ABOUT STRENGTH. IT'S ABOUT NOT GIVING IN.
AND TRUTH IS? IT'S NOT OVER AS LONG AS ANY OF US ARE STANDING.
THE WORLD CAN HEAR ME. KNOW THIS.
WE'RE ALL AVENGERS NOW.
ASSEMBLE.
AND AVENGE.

KRAKOA.
I'M BACK!
JEAN, HOW DID IT GO DOWN?
JUST WHAT THE WORLD NEEDED. THERE'S A BIT MORE CALM... AND THE ANGER?
IT'S DIRECTED.
ABSOLUTELY NOT.
EGG, GET ME ANOTHER EGG.
I'LL LIKELY BE BACK SHORTLY.
THIS PARODY OF GOD WANTS TO CAST US INTO THE FIRES. I REJECT IT. I REJECT THIS.
BUT IF WE HAVE HOURS TO LIVE, WE'RE GOING TO LIVE THEM.
WE'RE GOING TO LOVE AND LIVE AND FIGHT, MY FRIEND.
YOU OKAY, ELF?
IF THE SPARK IS ABOUT ANYTHING, IT'S ABOUT RAGING AGAINST THE DYING OF THE LIGHT.
THE SPARK WILL BURN.
"WE'VE HAD MESSAGES OF SUPPORT FROM MANY WORLD LEADERS AND COMMITMENT OF FORCES TO OUR PLAN..."

...BUT IT BEGS THE QUESTION.
WHAT PLAN?
WAR CAPTAINS?
BEST OPTION IS THE SAME. THERE'S A NODE INSIDE THE PROGENITOR. HIT IT. DESTROY IT.
AND EVACUATE THE CITIES THAT COULD GET CAUGHT IN THE FALLOUT.
COME ON, CYCLOPS! THAT WAS A TRICK FROM THE CREATURE. IT'S MESSING WITH US.
I'M AN OMEGA-LEVEL PSYCHIC AND I'M ALERT.
IT'S REAL. THAT'S WHY WE FELL FOR IT. IT WASN'T A COMPLETE LIE.
OKAY. WE GOT A TARGET.
WHAT CAN YOU ETERNALS BRING TO THE PARTY?
WE HAVE A PROBLEM. THE FIRST PRINCIPLE. "PROTECT CELESTIALS."
WE TRY TO ATTACK ONE AND BLOOD WILL LEAK FROM OUR EYES, AND THAT WILL MAKE A MESS OF MY MASCARA.
WE CAN BE OF NO USE IN A DIRECT ASSAULT ON A CELESTIAL.
THEN YOU'RE NO USE, FULL STOP.
HOWEVER, WE DO HAVE SOME INTERESTING NEWS.
IT APPEARS THAT ALL THE ETERNALS HAVE TURNED OFF THEIR PSYCHIC FIREWALLS.
IT WOULD BE TERRIBLE IF SOMEONE JUST...TOOK US OVER AND MADE US PUNCH OUR GODS IN THE FACE.
WELL, THAT SOUNDS FUN. HEY, DESTINY.
WHAT ARE OUR CHANCES?
THIS IS OUR ONLY CHANCE.
WITH CERTAIN MODIFICATIONS.
SO THEY COME.

THEY ARE EARTH'S BEST HOPE.

MORTAL POWER AGAINST A STAR GOD.
THE BUZZ OF BALLISTICS CANNOT HARM ME.
HOWEVER, IT *DOES* DISTRACT.
IT ALLOWS THE HEX TO GET CLOSE.
EACH ONE OF THE STEPFORD CUCKOOS DRIVES ONE OF THE SOLDIER HEX. MOTHER EMMA TAKES MOTHER REGINAX.
THEY ARE MACHINES DESIGNED TO FIGHT COSMIC PREDATORS SUCH AS MYSELF.
THEIR ATTACK PROMPTS MY COUNTERATTACK...
...LEAVING ME OPEN FOR A RIPOSTE.
I AM A GOD.
APPROPRIATELY, THEY UNLEASH HELL.
YET ALL OF THIS IS PROLOGUE.
THE HAMMER IS STILL TO COME.

EARTH'S MIGHTIEST...
...STRIKE AS ONE.
THEIR TARGET IS EXPOSED.
THEY ARE A METAPHORICAL HAMMER.
THE FINAL BLOW IS FROM ONE MORE LITERAL.
I AM IMPRESSED TO SEE SO MANY BROUGHT TOGETHER.
BUT I HAVE ALREADY FINISHED MY JUDGMENT.
WHAT GOD WOULD I BE IF I VACILLATED?

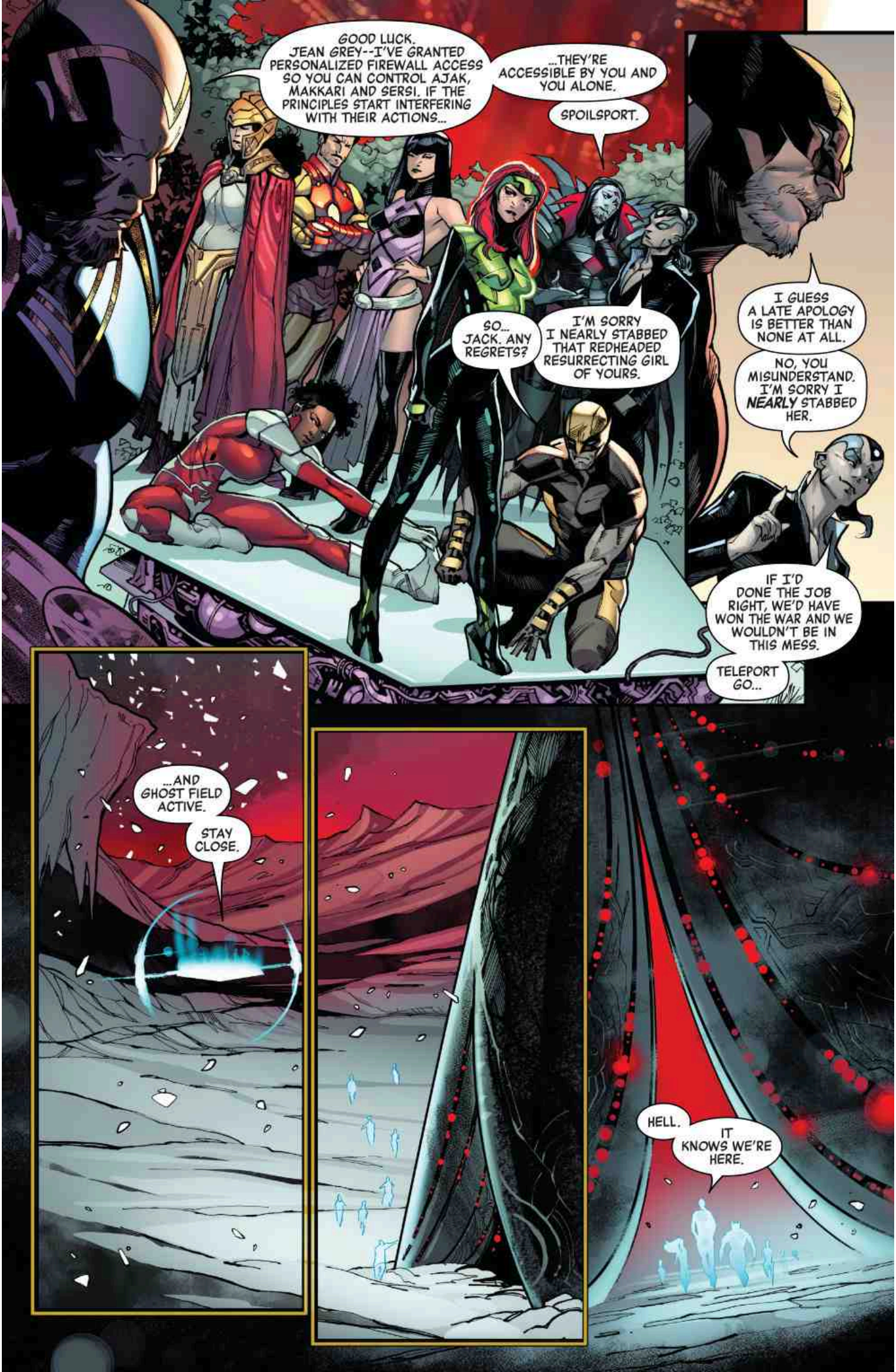
YES, THOR IS WORTHY, BUT THE WORLD IS NOT.
I MAKE EVERY PART OF THOR UNWORTHY.
HIS SKIN SLOUGHS FROM HIS BODY IN REVULSION.
STARBRAND BURNS. PHOENIX BURNS. JEAN GREY BURNS. EXODUS BURNS. PHOSPHOROUS FAST, THEY ARE GONE.
IKARIS IS AN ARROW I SET FLYING TO THE SUN. HE BURNS TOO.
YES, THE HEX ARE MADE TO FIGHT COSMIC PREDATORS.
BUT NOT COSMIC PREDATORS *LIKE ME.*
I PUSH A LITTLE AND THEY POP...
...THE PSYCHIC BACKLASH IS CONSIDERABLE.

I MAKE CYCLOPS VULNERABLE TO HIS OWN OPTIC BLASTS.
CAPTAIN MARVEL IS NOT THE FIRST OF HER NAME. HE DIED OF CANCER. SHE DOES TOO, ALBEIT MORE QUICKLY.
I TRY TO KILL CREATIVELY BECAUSE TO BE A GOD IS TO BE CREATIVE...
...BUT THERE ARE SO MANY OF YOU, AND I ADMIT THAT, OCCASIONALLY, INSPIRATION IS ELUSIVE.
GET THE HELL OUT OF HERE!
SAYS THE MAN WHO MADE ME, AND I THINK...
...I HAVE BEEN CRUEL TO LET THEM COME SO CLOSE TO VICTORY...
...BUT I AM THE GOD YOU MADE.
I HAVE MUCH WORK TO DO.

I WILL BURN THE CITIES.
I WILL BURN THE SEAS.
I WILL BURN THE EARTH AND ALL CREATURES OF THE EARTH.
THE PASSENGERS OF THIS SHIP REPRESENT MORE WEALTH THAN THE REST OF THE PLANET COMBINED.
THE EXPERIMENTAL ENGINES PREPARE TO ENGAGE, SIGHTS SET ON A NEW BLUE-GREEN EDEN.
THEY THINK THEY CAN ESCAPE JUDGMENT.
NO.
STILL...I GAVE YOU A CHANCE TO FIGHT ME.
OH, THE ETERNALS AND MUTANTS ARE SO ALIKE, AND YOU HUMANS WOULD BE TOO.
YOU THINK YOU CAN DEFY GOD, TIME, DEATH ITSELF.

BUT I WILL NOT SUFFER THIS REBELLION ANYMORE.
NO LONGER WILL THIS PLANET CHURN OUT ETERNALS TO TOIL IN AN ENDLESS TASK.
NO MORE MUTANTS TO SUFFER IN A WORLD OF HATRED AND FEAR.
ONLY YOUR GOD IS IMMORTAL. THE EARTH IS NOT.
AND WITH ALL THIS DONE, I RETURN TO MY CONVERSATION WITH THE PLANET.
I HAVE TOLD IT TO END.
THE PLANET ITSELF HAS SAID "NO."
I WILL THRASH IT INTO OBEDIENCE.

THIS GIVES YOU A LITTLE MORE TIME.
BUT WHAT CAN YOU DO WHEN ALL HOPE IS GONE?
DESTINY WAS RIGHT. AS LONG AS WE LEFT CERTAIN PEOPLE THERE, THE CELESTIAL WOULD PRESUME IT GOT US ALL.
WE COULD EVACUATE ANYONE ELSE...
...BUT WE'VE ONLY GOT A HANDFUL OF EGGS.
WE NEED TO CHOOSE CAREFULLY.
YOU NEED TO CHOOSE QUICKLY. THE PROGENITOR IS INTEGRATING WITH THE MACHINE THAT IS EARTH.
CELESTIALS ABOVE, EVEN DESTROYING THE RESURRECTION ENGINES WOULD BE ENOUGH TO MAKE THE WORLD END EVENTUALLY. THIS IS JUST IT TRYING TO SPEED IT UP.
IT'S EFFICIENT. IT'S THE SORT OF THING I'D DO.
IT IS MY CHILD, AFTER ALL.
YEAH, IT'S RINGING BELLS FOR ME TOO. WHAT THE HELL HAVE WE DONE?
IT'S NOT OVER YET. WE TRIED THE BIG-HAMMER APPROACH.
R.I.P., THOR.
NOW WE TRY THE SCALPEL.
WE NEED SCIENTISTS AND PSYCHICS AND THE REST...BUT WE NEED TO INFILTRATE.
LOGAN?
NOW, IT'S LATE IN THE DAY TO REALIZE THIS, BUT ONE OF THE THINGS I DO? I'M NOT THE BEST THERE IS AT.
I THINK SOMEONE ELSE IS.
JACK OF KNIVES IS STANDING BEHIND ME, RIGHT?
CLOSE ENOUGH. I'M IN.
I'VE KILLED JUST ABOUT EVERYTHING ELSE.
LET'S KILL A GOD.


GOOD LUCK, JEAN GREY--I'VE GRANTED PERSONALIZED FIREWALL ACCESS SO YOU CAN CONTROL AJAK, MAKKARI AND SERSI. IF THE PRINCIPLES START INTERFERING WITH THEIR ACTIONS...
...THEY'RE ACCESSIBLE BY YOU AND YOU ALONE.
SPOILSPORT.
SO... JACK. ANY REGRETS?
I'M SORRY I NEARLY STABBED THAT REDHEADED RESURRECTING GIRL OF YOURS.
I GUESS A LATE APOLOGY IS BETTER THAN NONE AT ALL.
NO, YOU MISUNDERSTAND. I'M SORRY I NEARLY STABBED HER.
IF I'D DONE THE JOB RIGHT, WE'D HAVE WON THE WAR AND WE WOULDN'T BE IN THIS MESS.
TELEPORT GO...
...AND GHOST FIELD ACTIVE.
STAY CLOSE.
HELL.
IT KNOWS WE'RE HERE.

I'LL BE DAMNED IF MY LAST MISSION IS A FAILURE. DISTRACTION TIME.
GET INSIDE!
REALLY?
WHAT DID FLAG GUY SAY?
"AVENGE ME"?
I LIKE THAT. STAB IT DEEP FOR ME, MUTANT.
HEY, CELESTIAL!
BE SEEING YOU!
JEAN TO BASE. WE'RE IN, BUT WE'LL NEED TO FIGHT EVERY STEP OF THE WAY.
SO... WE NEED EVERY SECOND YOU CAN BUY US...

"CAN YOU HANDLE THAT?"
WE HAVE SO FEW EGGS! CYCLOPS MUST RETURN! NOT... THIS HERESY.
THIS IS AGAINST ALL THE RULES OF KRAKOA.
NO, IT'S AGAINST OUR CUSTOM.
AND CUSTOMS ARE JUST HABITS THAT ARE WAY TOO BIG FOR THEIR BOOTS.
AS LONG AS WE LIVE, WE TRY SOMETHING NEW. THAT'S WHAT WE DO.
CYCLOPS IS A GREAT LEADER...
...BUT HE'S NOT WHO EARTH NEEDS RIGHT NOW.

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ON SALE IN SEPTEMBER
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NEXT
Tony Stark has spent his life building suits to protect himself.
Now he has to enter a suit of armor that could kill us all.
Can he survive? Can anyone?
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ZONE